

Mr. Speaker, the Rotary Club of Mansfield, Ohio, will present these six students with the McGowan Courage Award on May 17. I am proud to join the Rotary in acknowledging their significant achievements and wishing them continued success in everything they do.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF
EASTERN OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 28 World War II veterans from eastern Oregon who will be visiting their memorial next Friday in Washington, DC through Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The World War II veterans on this flight are: John Ansen, U.S. Army Air Corps; Lawrence Bannon, U.S. Army; Clinton Beauchamp, U.S. Navy; Roy Bunting, U.S. Navy; Albert Buscio, U.S. Merchant Marine; Jack Cooper, U.S. Navy; Claude Davis, U.S. Army; Robert Falley, U.S. Navy; Melvin Fuller Sr., U.S. Navy & U.S. Army; Harry Hartung, U.S. Army; Dayton Herron, U.S. Army; Leroy Hills, U.S. Army; Frank Jackson, U.S. Navy; Roy Janiec, U.S. Navy; Jack Kinsey, U.S. Navy; Paul Lesher, U.S. Army; Robert Maxwell, U.S. Army; Walker Nicholson, U.S. Navy; Glenn Plato, U.S. Navy; Henry Potts, U.S. Navy; Pete Stride, U.S. Army; Raymond Swee, U.S. Army; William Switzer, U.S. Navy; Collins Tucker, U.S. Army; Robert Warner, U.S. Army; Jack Wilson, U.S. Army; Garland Wright, U.S. Army; and Lawrence Zufelt, U.S. Navy.

These 28 heroes join more than 63,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, DC to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, and airmen who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I will be hosting a special forum on Capitol Hill next week for these highly distinguished Americans, and I'm very eager to thank them all in person.

CELEBRATING THE THIRD ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE INAUGURA-
TION OF TAIWANESE PRESIDENT
MA YING-JEOU

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, May 20, 2011 marks the third anniversary of the Inauguration of Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou.

Much has transpired in those 3 years. Wars continue to plague our society. However, in the Taiwan Strait, tensions have abated and much of the credit must be given to President Ma for the courageous efforts he has made to lessen the tensions between China and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

While protecting the interests of the people of Taiwan, President Ma has made marked progress in the dialogue between the People's Republic of China (mainland China) and the Republic of China (Taiwan), thereby advancing peace in the Pacific.

For this he is to be congratulated and commended and we wish him much continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO A-ONE
GEOTHERMAL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate A-One Geothermal of Earlham, Iowa in recognition of their decade-long history as the leading geothermal installation company in the State.

A-One Geothermal has crafted a great reputation throughout Iowa and the Midwest over the past 10 years through groundbreaking techniques in the development of horizontal boring and a commitment to their community. A-One oversaw the successful installation of geothermal heating and cooling systems for many Iowa schools and has become the "go-to" company for geothermal problem projects. A-One has a global reach and Midwest roots with projects throughout Iowa and the Midwest in addition to the West Coast, Australia and China.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent such a successful company filled with such outstanding and hardworking Iowans. I know my colleagues in the U.S. Congress will join me in congratulating A-One and I wish them many more decades of success.

SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S MEMBER-
SHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGA-
NIZATIONS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, as a long-time friend of Taiwan in the United States Congress, and as a member of the 140-member strong bi-partisan Congressional Taiwan Caucus I rise today to urge my colleagues to join me in supporting an issue I and my Taiwanese American constituents care deeply about.

I am a supporter of Taiwan's full membership in international organizations such as the United Nations. Why? Because I believe it is an anomaly that the country of Taiwan, with a population of 23 million, is not represented in the United Nations and its affiliated organizations.

I believe that we, the United States, instead of supporting "meaningful participation" for

Taiwan in international organizations, should instead actively support and promote full membership for Taiwan in international organizations such as the WHO.

Health knows no boundaries. Diseases do not stop at the borders of countries. Over the years, Taiwan has been affected by the H1N1 flu. In 2003, Taiwan was struck by an outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS. A total of 60 people died.

It is therefore imperative that Taiwan joins the WHO as a full member, so that the 23 million people of Taiwan can and will have access to the highest level of health information and knowledge.

Not only that, but medical professionals in Taiwan will be able to fully contribute their extensive knowledge and expertise to the WHO, to the benefit of the entire global health community.

I therefore urge my colleagues to join me in supporting Taiwan's full and equal membership in the United Nations, and in all other international organizations including the World Health Organization.

HONORING JOSEPH A. TORMALA

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is a pleasure and honor to pay tribute to Joseph A. Tormala of Chassell, who was born and raised in the Copper Country by his parents, Ken and Mary Tormala of Atlantic Mine. He attended schools in Stanton Twp., and graduated from Houghton High School in 1983. He joined the Marine Corps in 1983 and married his high school sweetheart Sheila (Alatalo) in 1984, and they have one child, Katrina.

Joe attended Marine boot camp and Infantry Training in California during the Beirut crisis of 1983 and was trained as a Huey & Cobra helicopter crew chief, and in marine security forces. He served in numerous deployments from 1985 through 1988 in Operation Northern Wedding and in missions to the Mediterranean and Caribbean regions. He served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and in Operation Fiery Vigil in the rescue, cleanup and evacuation of the Philippines during the eruption of Pinatubo. He left active duty in 1993 and moved back to the Copper Country.

As a civilian, Joe went on to complete his education with an Associate Applied Science degree from Vincennes University, and certifications in Forensic Science—Criminal Investigations, Certified Security Supervisor, Certified Protection Officer and FEMA Emergency Program Manager. He was Director of Campus Security for Suomi College/Finlandia University, Houghton CO. Special Deputy Sheriff, Hancock Reserve Police Officer, Chassell Township Fireman, and DNR Volunteer Conservation Officer.

He rejoined components of the Army and Marine Corps 1994–2004 and participated in training missions across the United States, deployed with Task Force Timberwolf in Central America and participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in security missions following the 9/11 attacks, until his mobilization and activation for 15 months in the Liberation of Iraq and Operation Iraqi Freedom I.